



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

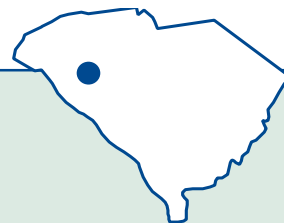
Ware Shoals, SC

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Town of Ware Shoals was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located along the Saluda River in northwestern South Carolina, Ware Shoals (population 2,377) is focusing on the cleanup and reuse of the former Riegel Textile Corporation site. The former mill, once the center of the town's economy, was closed in 1985. As a result, the town lost 80 percent of its labor force. The former mill stood for years as a source of blight on the town's riverfront landscape. The town's unemployment rate is higher than state and county levels and over 15 percent of residents live in poverty. Through a previous brownfields grant and the assistance of the state, the town has assessed contamination on the property and removed deteriorated structures. The final piece standing in the way of redevelopment is an old fly ash



Cleanup Grant

New
2007

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Ware Shoals for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Fly Ash Landfill portion of the 27-acre former Riegel Textile Corporation site located at 36 Main Street E. The one-acre abandoned landfill contains waste fly ash from past electrical generation for the former textile mill. The fly ash landfill is contaminated with heavy metals. Grant funds also will be used to conduct an analysis of brownfields cleanup alternatives and community outreach.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/bf/index.htm>

Grant Recipient: Town of Ware Shoals, SC

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landfill on the shore of the Saluda River. The landfill will be cleaned up through this grant. The town's Riverfront Redevelopment Advisory Committee has created a preliminary vision of mixed use redevelopment of the site, including recreational areas.